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State of Maryland Board of Physician Assurance 4201 Patterson Avenue, P.O. Box 2571 Baltimore, Maryland 21215

RE: John Charles Nosa Akoda aka John-Charles Nosa-Igberase Akoda aka Charles Johnbull Nosakhare Akoda aka Charles N. Akoda aka Charles J. Akoda

To Whom It May Concern:

We have discovered in the file of John Charles Nosa Akoda, M.D., a third-year resident in Internal Medicine at Jersey Shore Medical Center, an application for initial medical licensure in the State of Maryland. That application includes a Social Security Number which Dr. Akoda has stated is not his own.

Having earlier suspended Dr. Akoda we have now made a decision to terminate him effective November 21, 2000, for reasons as specified in our letter (and attachment) to the New Jersey State Board of Medical Examiners. Dr. Akoda was afforded his due-process rights of appeal of his termination, but the time for receipt of such an appeal has now been exhausted.

Very truly yours,

Anna Marie Sesso, M.D., M.P.H.

Associate Director of Academic Affairs

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